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## News in brief

### Liquor license decision delayed

Romulus City Council members decided not to vote on whether to support a tavern license for Taste Inc., a wine store slated to open inside the McNamara terminal at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

A representative from Taste and the company attorney appeared before the council, but a representative from Wayne County was not informed of the hearing, city officials said.

"I would not feel comfortable voting on this until we can talk to someone from Wayne County," said Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.

John Carlin, an attorney for the wine seller, said he would be able to return to the next meeting, but that representatives from Taste's Baltimore, M.D., location, would not be able to attend.

He added that the county is aware of the wine retailer's application.

An investigation by the Romulus Police Department – which is step in the decision-making process for all liquor applicants – also recommended approval of the license.

Taste is generally a wine retailer, but also serves wine by the glass. The new store is expected to open later this year.

### Slides purchased for parks

A competitive bid was awarded to Miracle Michigan, a provider of pay equipment, to add three slides at two city parks.

The city will pay Miracle Michigan \$13,132 for the slides. The slides are replacements for ones that were removed last fall because of wear and tear, and liability issues.

One slide will be installed at Elmer Johnson Park, and the other two will be constructed at Mary Ann Banks Park.

The monies to pay for the slide s/will come from the parks and recreation budget.

Miracle Michigan did submit the lowest bid of six companies that wished to work with the city.

### Fence will be replaced

Further repairs at a city park will take place this year after city council members approved a bid for the removal, and replacement, of a fence that surrounds the tennis courts at Elmer Johnson Park.

Industrial Fence and Landscaping of Detroit will receive \$13,091 to remove and re-install another fence at the park. Council members approved the bid unanimously at their Monday night meeting.

The company was the lowest of three bidders who offered to do the work. Eight companies were solicited to send in bids, according to city officials.

Monies to pay for the work will be taken from the general fund building and grounds account.

### City renews range agreement

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## Top person

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce named the 23rd "Person of the Year," Mark J. Lewkowicz, at a ceremony at the Crowne Plaza May 2. Shown here are (above) the Rev. William Kren, Lewkowicz, Chamber Executive Director Karen La Belle and Larry Williams. Below, Lewkowicz poses with his family after receiving the honor.



## Brine system saves city \$70,000

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A new plan to make sure roads are passable for vehicles during inclement weather has saved the city \$70,000 – during one of the worst winters on record.

Tom Wilson, the director of the Romulus Department of Public Works, said the ability to pre-wet roads with brine as opposed to outright salting roads saved the city money on salt and equipment used to make roads safe.

"We met the objectives of the mayor and the department, and everyone at the department was willing to embrace the changes," said Wilson. "That doesn't always happen because some people will want to do things the way they always have in the past."

Brine – a substance that can be made and stored that prevents ice build-up on roads – had never been used in the city prior to 2007. With four major winter storms, the winter turned out to be a difficult one, Wilson said.

"We didn't run out of salt, but we came close," he said.

A partnership with the City of Wayne to purchase brine equipment saved the city \$25,000, and both cities were able to use the equipment without time conflicts.

"When they get hit with snow, we do, too," he said. "But both cities were able to use the equipment when they needed to."

Additional training for some drivers accounted for some of the savings, Wilson said.

City council members at the Monday night meeting praised

the savings.

"It was a great presentation, and obviously, we want to make sure we save the citizens money," said Councilman LeRoy Burcroff.

Wilson also praised workers and residents for helping out during the inclement months.

"The workers were interested in the changes we made, and they all worked very hard towards this common goal," he said.

Cooperation from residents also eased the transition.

"We want to thank everyone who moved their car off the street when we plowed," he said. "that made everything so much easier."

The \$70,000 will be used to once again purchase salt at a fixed price to use next winter, Wilson said.

## Several file for state, county spots

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Several candidates have filed to seek a seat representing Romulus in the state Legislature, but none of them are from Romulus.

The District 22 seat – which is a wide-open race because incumbent Hoon-Yung Hopgood is term-limited – is being contested by five residents of Taylor, including Don Lingerfelt, Darrell McNeill, Jill Brandana, Douglas Geiss, and Edward Mulka.

The five are competing for state representative term that lasts two years, and is term-limited to six.

Several of the candidates have a background in Taylor politics, but are not well-known in Romulus.

Geiss, a current councilman for

the city of Taylor, said he's seeking the office to bring more accountability to Lansing.

"Democrats and Republicans must set aside their differences and work in a bipartisan manner to serve their constituents. The time has come for unity, so that Michigan is a leader in the 21st century economy. That is why it is crucial to focus on educating our youth and creating a business climate that will create exciting and high-paying jobs for people of all ages."

He added that residents need to be trained to fill growth-oriented jobs.

"Right now we know there are jobs in health care," he said. "So it would make sense for the retraining to be focused on health care, or

other positions that we will need to fill in the future."

Geiss received an engineering degree and went to work at Ford Motor Co. Elected to the Taylor City Council in November 2001, he was then re-elected in 2005 with the highest vote of any candidate in that race. Geiss currently serves as council chairman.

Calls made to Brandana were not immediately returned, and the other candidates were unreachable by deadline.

Long time Wayne County Commissioner Ed Boike, a resident of Taylor who represents District 15, will face off with one challenger, Denise Niebrzydowski, of South

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## Lean city budget approved

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

A lean budget for the 2008-09 fiscal year was approved by the Romulus City Council members Monday night.

After several discussions, public hearings and study sessions regarding city finances, the councilors voted unanimously to accept the balanced budget provided by Financial Director Debra Hoffman with no additional debate. Councilman John Barden was absent from the meeting.

The general fund budget pays for city services, such as police, fire, public service, library, and city hall functions. This year, few extras were permitted in the budget because of the potential for reduced state shared revenue. The city, which has not had to introduce any layoffs since the economy soured in 2000, also will keep everyone on board this year, according to city sources.

Total expenditures for 2008-09 should reach close to \$24 million – a match for the \$24 million in revenue the city expects to receive.

The five top expenditures for the city are police, which will cost the city \$9 million; fire, which will cost \$2.5 million; buildings and grounds, which will cost \$2.4 million; fund transfers, which will cost \$899,525; and recreation, which will cost \$755,552.

Other notable expenditures include the mayor's office, which will cost \$438,004 and the finance department, which will cost \$655,601.

The major source of revenue is property taxes, of which the city expects to collect \$10.9 million. Intergovernmental revenue will account for \$3.9 million, and fines and forfeits should produce about \$3 million, according to the budget.

The 34th District Court budget of \$3.6 million was also approved as part of the overall budget package Monday night.

Though Romulus has fared better than many other cities because of its business base, Hoffman said in April that the city rainy day fund would contribute about \$2 million to make sure the books are balanced for the next fiscal year. The biggest concerns about finances were the rise in fuel costs incurred for city vehicles, and an additional, one-time cost of implementing requirements for retirement funding.

Grant funding is not as plentiful as it used to be, and several business development efforts like the casino or racetrack that city hopes would be up and operating – and producing a dedicated revenue stream – are shuttered or in limbo.

Going forward, foreclosures could cause problems in the city. Though the county pays an assessment of taxes to municipalities, as years go by with no takers on the homes, the city would receive nothing if a property is foreclosed on for back taxes.

It's unclear whether the state

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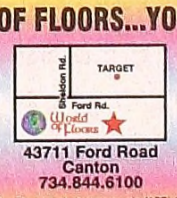
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# Public safety awards presented in township

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

The men and women who put their lives at risk every day were honored recently during the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department awards ceremony.

The third annual awards ceremony at Visteon Village presented more than 123 certificates to the officers and firefighters of the department, along with some citizens' awards.

Capt. Ken Brooks said it's all about recognizing the amazing things police and fire personnel do year-round.

"They should be recognized for this, but a lot of times it's too busy to do so this is the least we can do once a year," he said. "We certainly let them know when they're doing something wrong, so why shouldn't we acknowledge when they do something right."

"It's a feel-good thing to recognize those good deeds," he added. "It's also nice to see all the citizens come out in support."

The ceremony included a presentation of certificates and plaques from departmental leaders, which were chosen by the awards committee.

"It's the one time of year where we can recognize those employees that go above and beyond to save people's lives and do those extraordinary things that make a difference in the community," said Public Service Director Jerry Champagne.

Several awards were presented in both the police and fire division including: life

saving, grand cordon, certificate of merit, unit commendation and meritorious service. Other honors were a unit award for Ecorse Road, department citation, unit commendation for Bemis Road, traffic bureau, Internet sting, valued service award, civilian commendation, community service award, the dive team and the honor guard awards.

Three major awards were to the recipients of the police officer of the year for 2007: Sgt. Fred Yono, the firefighter of the year: Jeffery Sims and the civilian employee of the year: Information Technologist Kenneth Dandy.

"We like to call him (Dandy) 'the go to' guy," Brooks said. "He can get it done, he's knowledgeable with technology and he's been with us just over a year."

"Ken has had quite the positive influence on our department. He's saved us a lot of money already," added Champagne.

Brooks said Yono was also a hard-worker, who's also a go-getter and a motivated individual.

"The traffic unit is the most visible unit and these people are doing the job nobody likes—handing out tickets—but what most people don't realize is that they save lives," said Champagne.

He also said Sims, who was selected by his command officer, has a positive attitude to go along with his training.

"He's (Sims) also a paramedic at Annapolis Hospital besides being a hard worker here," said Champagne.



Firefighters Charles Dewitt, Curtis Lunsford, Jeffery Sims and Anthony Karver (pictured with Director Jerry Champagne) were awarded a unit commendation honor for the Ecorse Road rescue.

## On the job Chamber president sets goals

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Vickie Lenhardt, the new president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, knows exactly what her goals are.

"My job is to support the local business community and bring them together for prosperity," she said. "Also, to spearhead different ideas on how to grow in these troubled economic times. The chamber is the backbone of the business community and the presidency is just a title, but the involvement is the key whether you're president or a chamber member."

Lenhardt, 50, started as president this month and will serve for one year. As the manager of Belleridge Apartments in Belleville, she's been in the area since 1982. She started with Slatkin Corporation Development/Management in 1988, which was the same year she became a chamber member.

"I wanted to join to become more involved in the community," she said. "I met a lot of business professionals, along with politicians to help the company grow."

As property manager, Lenhardt deals with all aspects of the 250-apartment complex, something she feels will help in her new chamber role. She has been on the chamber board of directors since 2006, was the 'president elect' last year, but this year Lenhardt said, will be a lot about guidance and support for the new executive director, Kelly Boelter, as well.

"Hopefully bringing more businesses together to have strength in numbers is her goal, too," Lenhardt said. "I'd like to approach individual businesses to get suggestions because it's a group effort, not just one individual that can change anything."

"The chamber helps to reach out to a lot of people, particularly with events like the Strawberry Festival and sponsorship programs," she added. "The chamber also helps



Vickie Lenhardt

business marketing and promoting."

One example is the table-to-table networking events where companies explain what they do, one on one, Lenhardt said.

"I really do want to see more involvement, I know people say that every year, but I think because of the way the economy is people will attend more community based events so I really feel good about getting that increased involvement," she said. "I'm extremely excited about the new position because now really is a good time to be president."

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# Smoking ban has support, as well as naysayers

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The approval of legislation that would ban smoking in all Michigan workplaces, including bars, restaurants, and three Detroit casinos, is being hailed by legislators as a step to ensure the public's health.

The package of bills was introduced into the state Senate last year, and faced opposition up until recently, when a 25-12 vote approved the ban, according to Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor).

"I have been advocating for the health and well-being of Michigan families for more than 10 years, and this is a major victory today in ensuring they have a safe, smoke-free environment to dine, work and play," he said. "This is one of the biggest health concerns of our generation and a massive burden to state and commercial healthcare resources."

Smoke-free workplaces – which have been embraced by 35 other states – still face some opposition from bars and restaurants as it heads back to the state House for a confirmation vote. Gov. Jennifer Granholm is expected to be sign the bill.

### Indian casinos exempt

Romulus has a special interest in the bill because officials are pursuing Indian gaming in the city. Indian casinos, because of tribal sovereignty and a slew of jurisdictional issues, likely would not be part of the ban.

The legislation approved by the Senate removed a key exemption in the House bill for casinos that would allow some smoking inside gaming halls, but that provision was

removed. It remains to be seen if the bill will be supported by a majority of the House members without the casino provision.

Some legislators who like the idea of forbidding smoking in public places have had issues with other provisions in the ban.

State Rep. Richard LeBlanc (D-Westland) said he had some concerns about the framework of the bill. In particular, he said that he is concerned about the potential impact that it could have on private organizations and clubs, such as the V.F.W. or Am Vets, that maintain exclusive memberships and that aren't traditionally public spaces.

Still, he said public support for the bill is overwhelming, and he will vote in support of it. "As an elected representative for (the residents), I will be voting in support of it," he said.

LeBlanc said that he is also open to the possibility of voting on amendments. He said that his ideal bill would be one that provides terms that are fair, reasonable, and that "don't infringe on non-public entities."

The possibility of smoking ban legislation was one of a myriad of issues included in a written survey LeBlanc's office sent to 1,300 randomly selected households within Westland. Their answers, he said, were definitive.

"More than 88 percent of the 400 people who responded said ban smoking in all public places," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc acknowledged that the legislation might not be universally embraced, noting that it is essentially taking on a legal behavior that is habit-forming for some and socially enjoyable for others.

"I wouldn't expect that we could undo all

of that with one swipe of the pen," he said.

### Businesses leery

Vic Barra, president of the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland, wasn't hesitant about voicing his concerns about the potential impact the proposed legislation would have on businesses that welcome smokers, including the regular bingo games the Civic League operates.

Although he stressed that the information currently available is very ambiguous, he said that one of his main concerns is that legislators could inadvertently kill off some currently viable businesses.

As an example, Barra noted that when Windsor underwent a wide-scale smoking ban, the number of bingo halls promptly dropped from 12 to four:

"How can we legislate legal businesses out of business," he said. "I'm adamant that this legislation is too tough, too large, too fast."

Others are concerned about entire business districts. With more than two dozen bars and restaurants within Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Wes Graff, the executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said local drinking establishments may "take a little hit," initially from the ban, but will survive.

"If it's a state-wide thing, everyone is on the same playing field. (Business) may go down at first, but it will pick back up," he said.

Plymouth Downtown Development Authority Operations Director Sherrie Pryor said that a number of restaurant patrons throughout western Wayne County

were forcing managements' hand on the smoking issue long before the legislation was approved in the Senate.

"If you go to a restaurant, you notice more people are waiting in line for the non-smoking booths," said Pryor. "(Bars and restaurants) are going in that direction."

### Health issues a concern

Employees of bars and restaurants, as well as the general public, are affected by second-hand smoke.

According to the American Cancer Society, secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States, killing 38,000 to 65,000 nonsmokers every year.

A study conducted at the University of California-Berkeley found that food service workers are approximately 50 percent more likely to develop lung cancer than the general public, because many are exposed to secondhand smoke at work.

Though there is disagreement about the level of risk posed by second-hand smoke, State Sen. Tupac Hunter (D-Detroit) said it was time to follow in the footsteps of other states that have approved a ban.

"The bottom line is that there is no safe exposure level to secondhand smoke, and our workers deserve a healthy work environment," said Hunter. "It's a shame it took more than 10 years to protect workers from the third leading cause of preventable death, but it's never too late to do the right thing."

— Staff Writers Meghan Chatham and Lester Holmes contributed to this report.

## Calendar of events

### City-wide garage sale is coming

Residents that want to rid themselves of some things that have been cluttering their homes can do so on the weekend of May 15-18 during the annual city-wide garage sale.

The sale gives residents the opportunity to have a yard sale without a paying for a permit.

However, residents planning to hold a garage sale must complete a no-fee permit at the Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

### Relay for Life this weekend

The Relay for Life will once again take place this year at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Van Buren Township.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the race will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday to 10 a.m. on Sunday.

During the event, participants and visitors will have a chance to celebrate the victory of area cancer survivors immediately after the opening ceremony. The fight back ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. to give everyone a chance to proclaim their way of taking action against the disease. People can also remember those lost to the disease during the luminaria ceremony at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

Relay for Life has been bringing cancer survivors and anyone touched by the disease together for more than 20 years. Taking place overnight as a reminder that cancer never sleeps, Relay for Life had grown from a single event in Tacoma, WA that generated more than \$27,000 to the largest grassroots movement nationwide. More than 4,800 communities throughout the U.S. now host an American Cancer Society Relay for Life event that has raised more than \$2.6 billion for the fight against cancer, according to the organization.

"Relay is such a unique event," said Amber Gilmore, community representative from the American Cancer Society. "This year we'll be incorporating the new theme of celebrate, remember and fight back. It gives everyone who visits Relay a chance to do just that: celebrate, remember and fight back."

To join a team or to donate visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

— Compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen. To publish an event, send an e-mail to [mtippen@journalgroup.com](mailto:mtippen@journalgroup.com).

## Budget - Restraint needed

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Legislature will agree to another round of revenue cuts, but if that occurs, the city will likely have to shuffle revenues and expenditures to account for the loss in funding. The approval of a budget amendment by the seven-member council would then be required.

The new fiscal year begins in

July. After it is approved, a copy of

the final budget must be filed with the state, in accordance with state law. The budget must be balanced – cities are not technically allowed to carry a deficit from year to year.

A copy of the budget is available for public examination at the city clerk's

office, or at the Romulus Public Library.

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## Briefs

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City police officers will continue to take part in professional firearms training at the Brownstown indoor firing range for another three years.

The contract was approved until Dec. 31, 2011. The range is owned

by the Brownstown Police Department, and is located at 23125 King Road.

The cost of using the range will be \$200 per day.

The funds to pay for the range activities will come from the police department training and certification budget.

— News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

## Barth Elementary wins state recognition

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

Barth Elementary has won yet another award.

The school was named as one of three recipients of the Education Excellence Awards, which recognize schools that use an innovative approach to teaching.

The awards are given by MASB – or the Michigan Association of School Boards. The Education Excellence Awards program is a statewide competition limited to Michigan schools. This year, more than 150 entries were reviewed by educators to determine which schools would be honored.

The awards are sponsored by SET/SEG School Insurance Specialists. Representatives from the winning schools were recog-

nized at an awards luncheon on May 6.

This year, Barth received the award in the Fine Arts category for the Barth Bears News, a daily school-wide news podcast developed and broadcast by fifth and sixth grade students under the guidance of teacher Lewis Smith.

The podcast publicizes events and news at the school for both students and teachers, and is part of an emphasis placed on utilizing technology at the school.

Barth was one of three schools honored in Wayne County. The other two schools that received 2008 awards are the Southgate School District and Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency (RESA). Southgate was recognized in the Professional Development category for a Teacher Technology Specialists

## Inkster housing gets \$4.8 million loan

Molly Tippen  
Staff Writer

The Inkster Housing Commission won approval for a \$4.8 million federal loan that will finance the rehabilitation of uninhabitable housing units at three complexes.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved the application for capital financing last week.

The issue of whether to permit the commission to pursue the funds turned into a contentious battle between Inkster City Council members and some commissioners because many councilors thought there are too many publicly-subsidized housing units in the city.

Tony Love, the director of Inkster Public Housing, said he's glad the issue is resolved.

"I'm glad it's done because we need to make the repairs," he said. "The repairs that were making will make the units viable for another 20 years. It's a major reconstruction effort."

### Issues in 2007

A city ordinance needed to be revised to allow the commission to pursue the HUD financing, and at first, the council members split 4-3 in favor of not changing the ordinance. That move blocked the Inkster Housing application.

However, Councilman Michael Canty, who previously voted against the revision, decided to vote in favor

of it, which allowed the application to move forward.

Some then-council members – especially Ron Johnson – considered the application to be something that would ensure the city could never reduce the number of housing units through demolition.

Inkster has about 700 units – far more than other neighboring communities with higher populations.

Some council members said they believed that the pilot payment paid to the city – which is thousands of dollars less than what a private property owner of identical apartment units would pay, was insufficient to cover necessary services in the housing area.

Love said about 90 units that are considered unlivable and are currently boarded up will be completely redone, and will be offered to new residents once they're completed.

"We have about 200 people on the waiting list," he said.

The waiting list is likely to get longer in the near future because of the economy, said Terrel LeCesne, the chairman of the housing commission.

"These funds will enable the commission to continue to fulfill its mission to provide clean, safe and sanitary housing to those in need, in the community, and during these stressful times in the housing market, it couldn't have come at a better time."

### Repairs extensive

Loan dollars will completely

refurbish units at LeMoyné Gardens, Parkside and Demby Terrace.

Included in the repairs will be an integrated fire alarm system that will run off electricity, as opposed to the current battery-operated wall units. Also, new flooring and cabinetry will be added, Love said.

Several units are already being repaired on an incremental basis, Love said.

"There has been a concentrated effort to repair and upgrade apartments and make them readily marketable," he said.

### Mixed financing discussed

The agreement to allow the commission to apply for the funds was not contingent upon the exploration of mixed-financing housing for low-income individuals, but was heavily influenced by the promise of the commissioners to look at new ways to provide public housing.

Mixed financing would allow housing residents to live in the community in varying places throughout the city, as opposed to the current grouping of apartments.

Studies have shown that housing residents fare better if they live among other individuals, and such arrangements have worked in Detroit and Chicago.

Love said the mixed financing discussion have been productive.

"We have two council residents on the board," he said. "We're meeting each month, and everything is going fine."

Flat Rock, and Rockwood.

Boike was elected by his colleagues to serve as vice chair of the commission. He chairs the Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers vice-chairs the Committee on Public Services. He is also a member of the Committee on Economic Development. Boike is a member of the Wayne County Drainage Board, the Wayne County Solid Waste Planning Team, the

Wetlands Preservation Fund Executive Committee, and the Food Committee Service and Sanitation Board. He was also appointed by his peers to sit on the board of the new Wayne County Airport Authority, where he served from 2003-2006.

Boike served on the Taylor City Council from 1977 to 1982. Attempts to reach Niebrzydowski were unsuccessful Tuesday.

The primary election is Aug. 5.

## Candidates

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Rockwood.

First elected to the Wayne County Commission in 1988, Boike is serving his 10th term on the commission. District 15 is made up of Romulus, Taylor, Huron Township, Brownstown Township, Gibraltar,

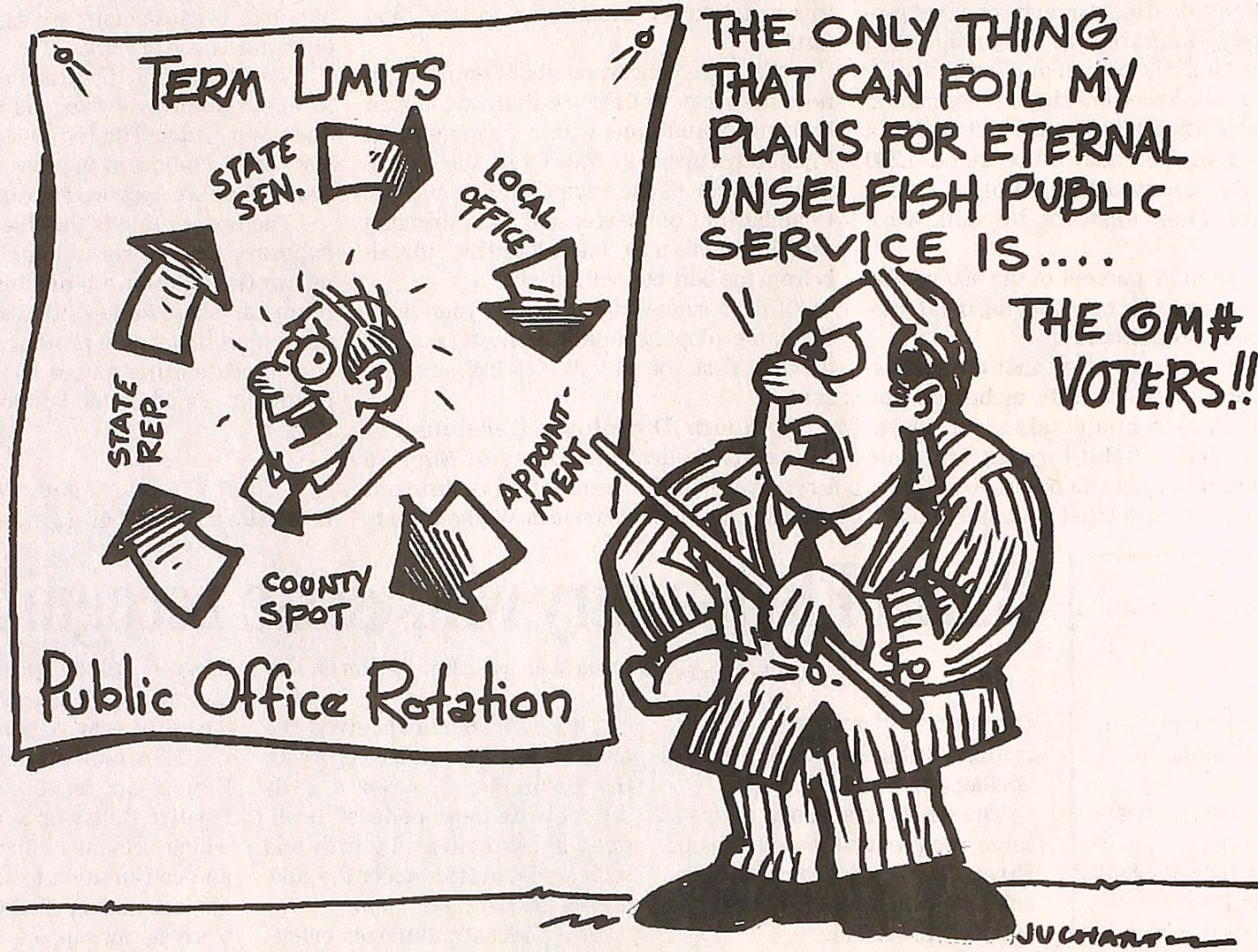
# OPINION

## At long last, a breath of fresh air in Lansing

For years, State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) tried to push through legislation banning smoking in public places. He talked about health risks associated with second hand smoke, debunked criticism that it would prove a hindrance to the economy and pointed out that many other states had approved similar legislation—all to no avail. His bill remained stalled in committee. That abruptly changed last week when the Senate put it up for a vote and approved it in a relatively surprising move. It's about time. There will be some grumbling, at first, but we think this is

a good thing for the state. It shows that legislators are more concerned with the overall health of citizens than anything else. That's what this issue is about: health. It's not about government stepping in where it doesn't belong or infringing on the property rights of business owners. Nor is about an attack on the tobacco industry. This is simply an attempt to make things better for the majority of people who don't choose to smoke and shouldn't be subjected to it while they're out and about. It's not official yet. The House of Representatives has to

approve the new version of the bill, as well. Legislators there approved a similar bill months ago, but their version included an exemption for casinos that the Senate stripped from the legislation. That's a good thing, too. All businesses should be treated equally under this. It will be interesting to see if legislators in the House will agree to that, as well. This is a good first step in improving the overall health conditions in public places. Now, if we could just do something about smokers littering the streets, sidewalks and parks with their used up butts....



## Idea is too good not to 'check out'

Someone needs to show some leadership in the Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter Township communities regarding the issue of a voter-approved district library. This is an idea that is, quite simply, too good to die. Members of the communities put together committee to come up with a recommendation for the library; they completed their work last year—sort of. They came up with a recommendation that was approved in Van Buren Township, rejected in Belleville and tabled in Sumpter.

The outstanding issues are the representation on the appointed library board that would serve until the first library board election and the disposition of the land the library rests on. The board would be made up of four Van Buren residents, two Sumpter residents and one Belleville resident—which is based on the current funding formula. The library is in the City of Belleville, on land owned by the city—and deeded through the Fred Fisher Foundation to house only a library—but the three communities funded improvements at the library several years ago that each owns a part of.

These are not issues that should stop progressive-minded government officials. Even if the District Library Committee—which has been in a sort of limbo since the Sumpter Township Board tabled the issue last November—isn't given the directive to try to resolve them, a subcommittee of elected representatives from each municipality could be put together to work toward a common solution.

A district library will provide many benefits to the overall region. It will give more control over hiring and operations.

It will help reduce costs. It will help ease the strain on the general funds of all the communities since it would be funded through a dedicated millage, too.

The election season is now under way, and the deadline to get an issue on the November ballot is fast approaching. It's time to act on this. It's too important to let slip away.

## New water contracts are a victory for area

Officials in communities throughout western Wayne County are approving a new contract with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Board. Many of the contracts expired several years ago, and the new ones put in place are the result of plenty of hard work and common sense negotiations. They provide many benefits to

suburban customers, who for years have questioned the way rates are set, railed against uneven increases and generally called for more information about the process. These new contracts go a long way toward easing those issues. They provide guarantees to keep rate increases at a minimum, provide adequate pressure and include a 'me, too,' clause that

ensures all communities will receive equal treatment—no matter how far or elevated they are from the water source. The communities have done their part, too, working for ways to equalize pressure throughout the day and ensure the demands on the system don't spike when they used to. New water towers have sprung up in both Plymouth

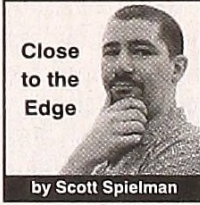
Township and Northville Township that will ease that situation. This has been a long, hard battle. Those involved in it—on both sides of the equation—deserve credit for their work. They've taken a negative situation and turned it into something that will provide a benefit for the entire region.

## It's a game of political musical chairs

Well, another election season is under way and it seems like only a year or so since the last one. This time around, there is the potential for change in many communities—and the guarantee in at least one, Canton Township. I've had mixed feelings about the concept of term limits since they were implemented and this season highlights many of them. I think the underlying goal of the limits was to get more people involved in government. Prior to that you tended to see the same people running for the same office and interest in elections faded as it became apparent that nobody could beat a bazillion-term incumbent. Now, with term limits, we see the same people running—for different offices. It hasn't reduced the number of career politicians soaking up government payrolls and building up fat government pensions. It's merely moved them around. Still, there are some interesting races shaping up throughout western Wayne County.

Here are some of them. In Canton Township, there's an active race for the trustee spots, with two incumbents not running. (Todd LaJoy is seeking election to the House of Representatives and Melissa McLaughlin is seeking election to the township treasurer spot). I think the more interesting race here will be the treasurer one, where McLaughlin will face off against Joan Noricks, the former head of the Canton Community Foundation. Both are well known; both have done an exemplary job in their previous roles. To be honest, the fact there was a contested race here surprised me to begin with. I thought officials in Canton Township all got together en masse and decided who was going to run for what, sort of the way Zeus used marble figures in that classic film *Clash of the Titans*. The State Representative races will be interesting, too, in the way they reflect the Democratic or Republican leanings of the 20th and 21st districts. Both districts were

drawn up by Republicans to ensure a stranglehold on the seats—and therefore, the House—but the demographics of both communities have been slowly changing. Will Marc Corriveau's (D-Northville) victory of two years ago prove to be a fluke? Will the Northville Township Board of Trustees, who once vilified him but now welcome him with open arms, endorse him or his challenger, well-known Republican Abe Munfakh? Will they stay out of it, or pick a candidate individually? Interesting questions, those—at least to a part-time political geek like me. Anyway, with the issues we face here in Michigan—both at the local level and statewide—there will be plenty to talk about. There will be plenty of blame to go around for the state of things, plenty of finger pointing and plenty of empty promises. Lets all stick to those issues and keep it clean.



Close to the Edge

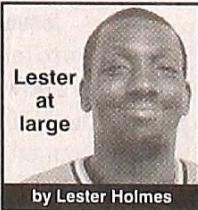
by Scott Spielman

## Public transportation time is now

"Did that sign say \$3.79," I said to myself while traveling passed a gas station on Michigan Avenue before crossing I-275. From Plymouth to Inkster and across the nation, Americans of all income levels are equally feeling the pain at the pump. With gas prices inching closer to the \$4 a gallon threshold and prognosticators predicting the possibility of \$5 a a gallon gas less than a year from now, (we're not even going to discuss diesel) it's time for communities to have a serious discussion about public transportation. Two weeks ago, Hayes Jones, the general manager of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) told more than 100 local civic and business

leaders in order for the concept of regional transportation to work, all communities in the region need to participate including Plymouth and Plymouth Township. While the Plymouth municipalities, with the help of the Plymouth Community United Way and Plymouth Council on Aging, do an excellent job transporting area seniors through the community, Plymouth is an island unto itself unless you have a vehicle. Downtown Plymouth is a bustling destination with dozens of shops and restaurants within steps of Kellogg Park. However, many without cars in Detroit and other areas in southeastern Michigan have no opportunity to dine or make purchases there.

If you are looking for a position with Comcast or one of the major companies and corporations in Plymouth Township, better have a reliable vehicle or else. A 25-year old woman named Brooke, who works for a major company in Plymouth Township, said she spends more than \$100 a week to arrive to work from her home in Detroit after her car would no longer function. "I like my job, it's just hard to get there," she said. The issue with transportation isn't necessarily about whether people in Detroit have access to the



Lester at large

by Lester Holmes

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# Military history comes alive in Westland

History will come alive in Westland on Saturday as the community celebrates Armed Forces Day by honoring Michigan veterans throughout the centuries.

From 1-4 p.m. on May 17, visitors to the Westland Historic Village Park will be able to learn 'first-hand' about military life through the ages from re-enactors in period costumes. Westland Historical Commission member and program originator Bethany Stawasz said that the event grew from the interest in the subject.

"I'm a Civil War re-enactor myself and I had been wanting to bring my Civil War re-enactor friends to the museum for a program," she said.

The idea grew from there. Scattered around the site, visitors will be able to speak with individuals representing the French and Indian War, the War of 1812, the Civil War, and World War II as well as learn more about the Cold War era of the United States in Berlin, circa 1961.

"We want to talk about military history, especially focusing on the Michigan aspect," she said.

Designed to be equal parts educational and entertaining, visitors will learn more about the role Michigan residents have played in various conflicts.

*"You're not necessarily going to be fighting with people your hometown anymore."*

The main focus will be on conflicts dating from the Civil War and earlier, Stawasz said, simply because community members would muster into a unit and fight together, leading to a shared experience. Changes to how the military is organized later eliminated that practice.

"You're not necessarily going to be fighting with people from your hometown anymore," she said.

The free, family-friendly event will also offer visitors a chance to visit the historical museum and enjoy some live music. There will also be a slideshow on the role of Michigan in the War of 1812 at 2:30 p.m.

"I'm excited about it," said Westland Historical Commission President Jo Johnson. "We've always wanted to do something like this, but we've never had the chance. We're hoping to have a good crowd."

Westland veterans will also be able to leave their mark

on the history of the community by speaking about their life in the military on video for inclusion in the archives of the Westland Historical Museum. The opportunity is open to any resident who has served in the United States military during any conflict.

"We would like to get as many as possible," said Stawasz. "No one will be turned away. We'll stay all day if we need to."

Veterans who may be interested in participating are asked to contact Stawasz at (734) 326-1110.

The event will be preceded at noon by a ceremony at Ganong Cemetery honoring area Civil War veterans. The cemetery located at 3036 Henry Ruff Road, south of Michigan Avenue, in Westland.

The Armed Forces Day Celebration will take place at the Westland Historic Village Park, located at 857 North Wayne Road between Ford and Cherry Hill roads. A free shuttle will be available to transport visitors from the parking lot of nearby John Glenn High School to the site. John Glenn High School is located at 36105 Marquette Road in Westland. It is south of Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

## Letters

### Township actions explained

To the editor:

After reading the Enterprise's April 24, 2008 editorial entitled "What's the big secret?" I felt compelled to respond.

First and foremost, the board of trustees and I take very seriously our efforts to ensure the township operates with transparency. This openness can be measured in the financial documents we compile such as monthly expenditure

reports and the General Fund Budget. It is evident in the detail provided in the Township's Capital Improvements Plan and the amount of documentation found in every board agenda packet, copies of which are supplied to all four newspapers covering township events and operations.

I can assure the Enterprise and the residents of Van Buren Township that thoughtful deliberation is given to each matter that comes before the board whether it

is approving a purchase, adopting an ordinance or entering into a contract; and always with a sharp eye on the public's interest and trust.

When it comes to personnel matters, sometimes a different approach must be considered. Under those circumstances, the careers and livelihoods of township employees may be impacted and a level of sensitivity and privacy must be observed. Even the Michigan Open Meetings Act pro-

vides an exception to the requirements of a public meeting when a public body is addressing certain employee matters. We will be vigilant in keeping the public informed as to the services we provide and how we utilize funds entrusted to us by the taxpayers and public. At the same time, we will take measured steps to ensure the privacy of our employees is rightfully respected.

Soon, Public Safety Director Jerry Champagne and I will be

presenting to the board our proposal to fill the vacant fire chief's position. That proposal will include how we will seek candidates interested in the position, a comprehensive job description and proposed salary range and the method by which the successful candidate will be determined to lead the Van Buren Fire Department.

Cindy C. King,

Van Buren Township Supervisor

## Prices

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suburbs as much as it is how many local residents would rather take the bus into the city or surrounding communities. According to SMART travel statistics, 50 percent of users live outside of Detroit and use the bus system to travel to other suburban destinations.

If a high school student who lives in Plymouth Township could catch a bus to go to work at the new Kohl store at Michigan Avenue and Beck roads in Canton Township,

the student could save more of her paycheck instead of spending a huge portion of it on gas.

As for gas prices, the more people using public transportation the less gas used in their vehicles. The price of gas will go down once there is a serious commitment by consumers to cut back on their purchases.

Of course there are many issues to address before Plymouth becomes the next destination of SMART. Where should the bus

stops go? What does it mean for municipal noise levels and pollution? How much will SMART cost local taxpayers? Is there a want or a need for the service? All questions are legitimate and SMART must have answers.

I'm sure municipal leaders will make the best decision for constituents.

Its just time, with gas prices breaking new records daily, to have the discussion about public transportation.

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# Comcast Cares day helps area

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## Top ten

The top seniors of the Belleville High School Class of 2008 were honored recently, including Jesse Hendrickson, Steven Davenport, Andrew Overholt, Brandon Hendrix, Kevin English, Kylie Anderson, Keishawna Baker, Alexander Brown, Alanna Elling and Amber VanAllen. Brown was class valedictorian this year. More than 40 academic awards were also presented to the class of 2008.

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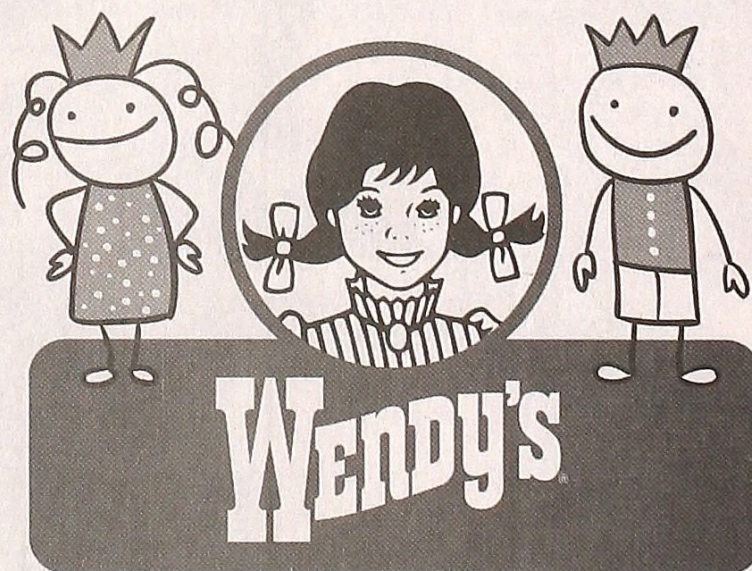
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From left, Northville hurlers Jenna Dumbleton, Allison Holmes and Samantha Doud are some of the best in the area and have helped the Lady Mustangs to a 23-3 overall record with a 13-3 conference and a 9-0 division record—good for the division crown. The team recently moved up to No. 8 in the Division 1 state rankings. Photos by Diana Birdsall

## Pitch perfect Northville hurlers top of class

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Randy Jackson is known for commenting on perfect pitch or the lack thereof on everyone's favorite glitzy karaoke show "American Idol," but the only idols that are truly deserving of recognition for their pitch performance are in Northville.

They are of course the Lady Mustangs' varsity softball hurlers Jenna Dumbleton, Allison Holmes and Samantha Doud. And the only problem Northville Coach Teryn Chrzanowski faces each week is which star to put in

the circle.

The three pitchers are a combined 22-3 for the season.

Northville is undefeated, 12-0, in the Western Lakes conference. The Lady Mustangs clinched a division title (8-0) with a 7-0 victory—or a 7-Poof win, as Doud might say—over Plymouth on Friday in large part to their performances in the circle.

"It's a blessing to have three good pitchers on one team," Chrzanowski said. "Allison has really stepped up this year and has faced some of the toughest competition in the state. Jenna is also a very strong pitcher whose

change up is amazing and Sam does a good job throwing the ball over the plate. She's gained some speed and her change has improved."

Dumbleton, a senior that started pitching at the age of eight, was a varsity star as a freshman and has only grown stronger and brighter through the last three years. She was slowed by an injury some this year but still posted big numbers. She is 10-0, pitching 52 and a third innings with 71 strikeouts and a 1.577 ERA. Her injury only affected the amount of time she spends in the circle but not in other positions. When not throwing she is the starting shortstop and is the team's second leading hitter with a .419 batting average.

"Jenna is a tremendous fielder and has been offensively on fire, hitting .419 as the number-two batter," Chrzanowski. "She is a truly an all-around player."

Holmes, also a senior that started pitching lessons in seventh grade when she started to get into serious travel ball, has been brilliant this year. She is 11-3 and has two saves in 93 and a third innings pitched. She's faced 341 batters and has sat 154 for of them down and is the proud owner of a shiny 0.825 ERA before the shutout against Plymouth.

Her only mishaps were 1-0 losses to Monroe, Fenton (ranked fifth in Division 1) and a 3-0 loss to Tecumseh (ranked second in Division 2). On the other side she has several key wins under her belt. She beat Wayland (at the time ranked fourth in Division 2), Sterling Heights Stevenson (ranked fifth in Division 1) and Anchor Bay (ranked fourth in Division 1).

"She throws heat with a great rise ball," Chrzanowski. "She does a wonderful job getting the strikeout when we need to get out of a jam. She doesn't walk too many hitters and she has been successful at getting ahead in the count."

Doud, the youngest of the three as a junior and possibly the future of the Northville pitching, earned one win and a save this year. She's given up only one hit against 23 batters in seven innings.

"Sam has mostly been seeing time in the outfield or as the designated player this year, but she will get more time on the mound over the summer and during her senior season," Chrzanowski. "It's been awesome having three pitchers to pitch batting practice. That way our hitters get a lot of live hitting and our pitchers don't get too tired out."

Holmes said the pitching has improved this year, not that it was bad last year, because every-

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## Cats split with Lakers

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Wildcats split a home doubleheader with the West Bloomfield Lakers on Saturday and improved their record to 14-8 overall.

Plymouth won a claw-biter of a second game, 4-3.

With the score tied, 3-3, the Cats pulled in a run at the bottom of the seventh for the win.

Matt Skubik earned the win in his one inning on the mound. Before Skubik took to the hill, Dan Nadratowski battled through six innings. He gave up three earned runs on four hits—two of them homeruns—while striking out three.

"Dan Nadratowski had a gutsy six innings of work in the nightcap when we needed a lift," said Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams. "He deserves strong praise for his performance today."

Matt Priebe was a force—nearly perfect—on offense, going 3-for-4 with the team's only RBI. Kyle Traver was an impressive 2-for-3 with a run scored. David Harvey

had the team's other hit and scored a run. Ronnie Goble and Nadratowski each scored a run.

The first game was a little tougher as the Wildcats fell short with a 5-3 effort.

Priebe was back on the mound after a long hiatus. He struggled at first, giving up three runs in the first, but settled into a nice performance through five frames. Kyle Sanders finished the game.

"I thought our pitchers did an outstanding job today against a good hitting Lakers squad," Adams said. "In the opener, it was nice to see Matt Priebe get back into the rotation after a long absence on the hill. After a rocky first, Matt settled down and gave us some quality innings."

Plymouth answered the Lakers' three-run first inning with a three-run second. Bloomfield added one in the third and another in the fourth to put the game away.

Traver had a two hits and an RBI in the outing. Travis Mewton had a hit with two RBIs and a run scored. Skubik and Brad Lineberry

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Plymouth junior Matt Skubik makes it back to first before getting tagged out in the first game of a doubleheader against West Bloomfield on Saturday. Plymouth split the games.

## Canton turns corner

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs took a big step forward last week and turned the proverbial corner, as they won their last three games and moved up to 13-8 for the season.

Canton beat host Kalamazoo Central in both games of a doubleheader on Saturday. The Chiefs slugged it out with the Maroon Giants in the first game and pulled out a 17-12 victory.

Sophomore Kevin Delapaz earned his fourth win of the season and remained undefeated on the hill.

The offense backed up Delapaz on the mound. The Chiefs scored 15 runs in the second inning to help them pull away. Ben Vaughn went 2-for-4 with four RBIs and Will Tidwell was 2-for-3 with four RBIs and three runs scored.

Bill Cunningham-Rhodes had four hits and scored twice for the Giants.

Canton returned with good performances from its pen in the nightcap and won, 7-4.

Alex Dixon allowed just one hit and one earned run in four and a third innings of work, striking out six batters. Dane Staples only pitched one inning but earned his first win in relief.

Ryan Neu was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Dan Stoney was 2-for-3.

Dan Warwick had a double and run scored for Kalamazoo.

Senior Matt Barylski was the hero when Canton faced off against Walled Lake Western on Friday. With his Chiefs tied with

the visiting Warriors, 2-2, heading into the bottom of the seventh, he drilled a single to score the winning run.

Will Tidwell notched his fourth win, pitching a complete game two-hitter.

Vaughn added a hit and an RBI. Alex Young scored both of the Warriors' runs.

Pitching, along with the offense coming around, has been key for the Chiefs lately, according to Canton Coach Mark Blomshield.

"We've had strong pitching from senior Will Tidwell and two sophomore lefties, Alex Dixon and Kevin Delapaz, which has given us the consistency we needed on the mound," he said. "The bats are finally starting to come around per a 15 run second inning outburst versus Kalamazoo Central this past weekend."

The wins couldn't have come at a better time, either.

"We've lost four or five games by a run or two so it was important to finally win one of those (close) games and build a little momentum toward the end of season and into district play," Blomshield said. "We've been on the fence all year as to what kind of team we were going to be and I feel that the team has turned the corner and is finally playing the way we know we can. We're looking forward to playing everyday and keeping things sharp."

Canton hosts Franklin at 4 p.m. on Thursday and Milan in a doubleheader at 4 p.m. on Tuesday before heading into the conference playoffs at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.



Dumbleton and Doud do the "Cupid Shuffle" as part of their pre game ritual to help keep things fun.



Holmes fires one in a game against Franklin on Monday. She pitched a four-hitter with eight strikeouts in the 5-0 victory to earn her 12th victory this season.

SPORTS

Belleville trounces Titans

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The Lady Tigers looked like the team of years past when they beat host Southgate, 10-1, on Monday.

Junior Samantha Cole was in prime form and earned the win from the circle. She pitched a no-hitter with 11 strikeouts and only two walks. The defense was there to back her up when a Titan did make contact.

Belleville's offense crushed the ball. The Lady Tigers had 16 hits in the game, scoring five of their 10 runs in the fourth where two home runs were recorded.

Junior Allison Kloc got a hold of one in the fourth to score two runs and added another two-run homer as part of a three-run fifth inning. Junior Angel Matthews was on base for both homers.

Cole had a good day at bat, too, going 2-for-4. She added the other home run in the fourth and had a double.

Matthews had an RBI and freshman Symone Millet had two hits in the outing.

"We crushed the ball today," said Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis. "We just hope that this carries over because some days we're real good and others we just don't hit."

Southgate scored its lone run on a bases-loaded—two walks and an error—fielder's choice bunt in the fourth.

The win against Southgate was the high note for Belleville. Beyond that, the similarities between the Belleville Lady Tigers and the Detroit Tigers continued last week—when they are on they are really on but when they struggle they really struggle. Belleville's performances at the Canton Invitational on Saturday painted the perfect picture of the roller coaster ride the Lady Tigs have been on all season.

Belleville lost its first game to tourna-

ment host Canton, 2-0.

The Lady Chiefs pushed two runs across in the third for the win.

Cole pitched a five-hitter with four strikeouts. Senior Danielle Stabnau had two hits in the game.

"This was the first time that I pitched Sam against Canton," Curtis said. "Usually I don't in case we end up seeing Canton in districts or regionals."

The Tigers lost to Inter City Baptist, 4-3, in the second game.

Freshman hurler Devin Wilson pitched a four-hitter in the effort. She accounted for a single and a double on offense.

Belleville's only win on Saturday was a 6-2 match against Brighton.

Cole had eight strikeouts and gave up two runs on five hits.

Matthews blasted in two runs on two singles and senior Kendall Acho had two hits.

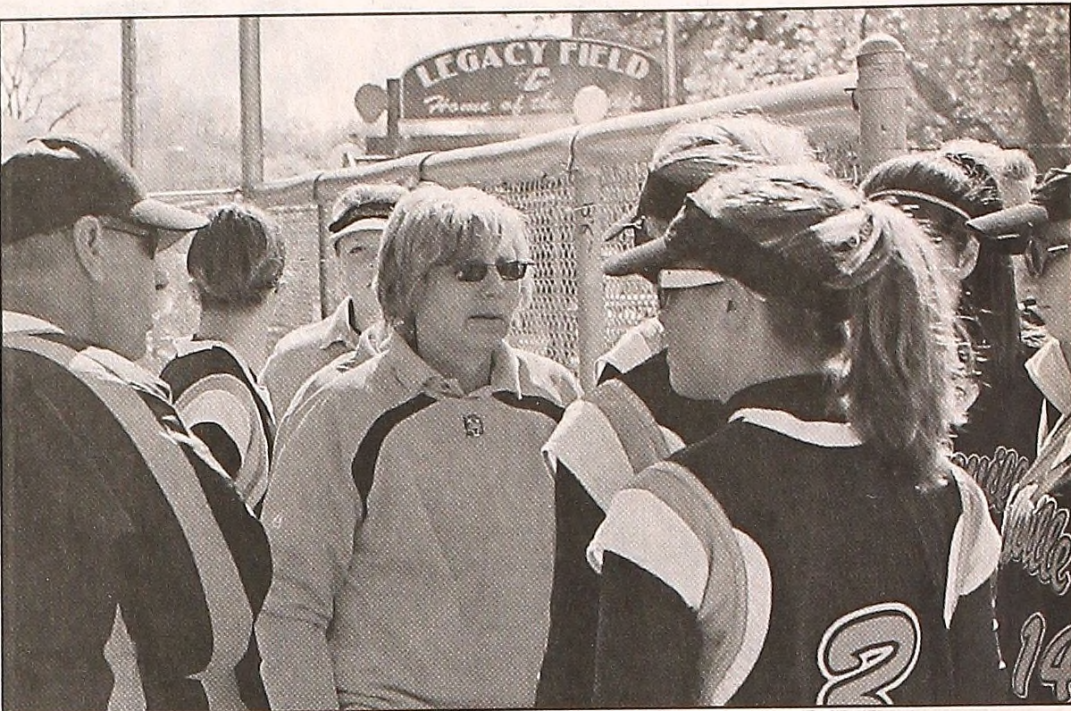
The Lady Tigers had a 3-2 advantage after five and put the game away in the sixth with three more runs.

So far Curtis hasn't been able to navigate the bumpy road that her Lady Tigers are traveling but hopes the win over Southgate is a path to smoother travels.

"We're really good some days and others we're not," she said. "We can't figure it out. We seem to be dragging. We don't hit. We don't play defense. They have to get it together."

Belleville will get some more practice in with five games at the Madonna Tournament on Saturday and Sunday. After that the Tigers wrap up league play with a game at Allen Park at 4 p.m. on Monday and a home contest against Garden City at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Districts are right around the corner. Belleville drew a bye in the first round and plays the winner of the Bedford-Saline game at noon on Saturday, May 31 at Bedford Temperance.



Belleville Coach Peggy Curtis (center) talks with the team during their match with Canton on Saturday.



Belleville Danielle Stabnau makes it back to second base before Canton's Sam Partain can tag her out in the first game of the Canton Invite. Belleville lost, 2-0.

Romulus blast Annapolis

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Romulus Coach Tim Jager wishes all of the games his Romulus Eagles played could have the outcome like the one on Monday against host Annapolis.

The pitching was on; the defense was strong; and the offense was on fire in the 10-0, six-inning triumph.

Senior Chad Williams pitched a one-hit shutout with six strikeouts for the win.

"This was probably his best game of the year," Jager said about Williams. "He's thrown good all year but this is by far the best."

This was probably one of the team's best overall performances of the season. The defense backed up Williams' work and made the stops when needed and the offense was anything but reluctant to knock in runs.

The Eagles started off with three runs in the first. Production continued in the second with four more tallies. Romulus added two more in the third and earned the mercy run in the sixth to end the game short.

Junior Levi Adams was a perfect 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Senior Steven Hicks went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

"We were clicking on all cylinders as they say," Jager said. "It helps to get ahead early.

Usually we're playing catch up so it was nice to have that early lead."

Annapolis' lone hit was in the fifth.

Unfortunately for Romulus all the games don't have that type of start to finish.

The Eagles struggled in both games of a doubleheader against Ypsilanti on Saturday.

They lost the first game, 8-4, and the second, 14-4.

"In the first game we made five errors that they scored four runs on," Jager said. "Realistically it should have been a 4-4 game. Our defense failed us in that game. In the second game Lincoln just hit the ball really well. Our defense was better but they just picked good spots."

Sophomore Mike Statham was 3-for-4 with an RBI in the first game and Adams was 2-for-3 with an RBI. Mike Lammers was 1-for-2 with an RBI in the second.

Romulus lost to Taylor Truman, 13-1, on Friday.

Statham was 1-for-2 and junior Brad Demoisey was 1-for-3 in the effort.

Romulus hosts Crestwood at 4 p.m. on Monday and heads to Thurston at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Romulus faces off against Wayne at noon on Saturday, May 31 in district play at John Glenn.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Van Buren Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, on Wednesday June 11, 2008 at 7:30 PM to consider the following:

An ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren to revise regulations pertaining to Accessory Outdoor Industrial Storage. Pursuant to this Ordinance, there shall be created a new Section 15.02. k. permitting outdoor storage that is clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal industrial use of the property.

Section 15.02 PERMITTED USES in the M1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

- k. Accessory outdoor industrial storage of materials, equipment, products and any other goods that are clearly incidental and subordinate to a principal industrial use of the property that is conducted entirely indoors.

A complete text of the proposed amendment will be available for review at the Township Department of Developmental Services Office. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

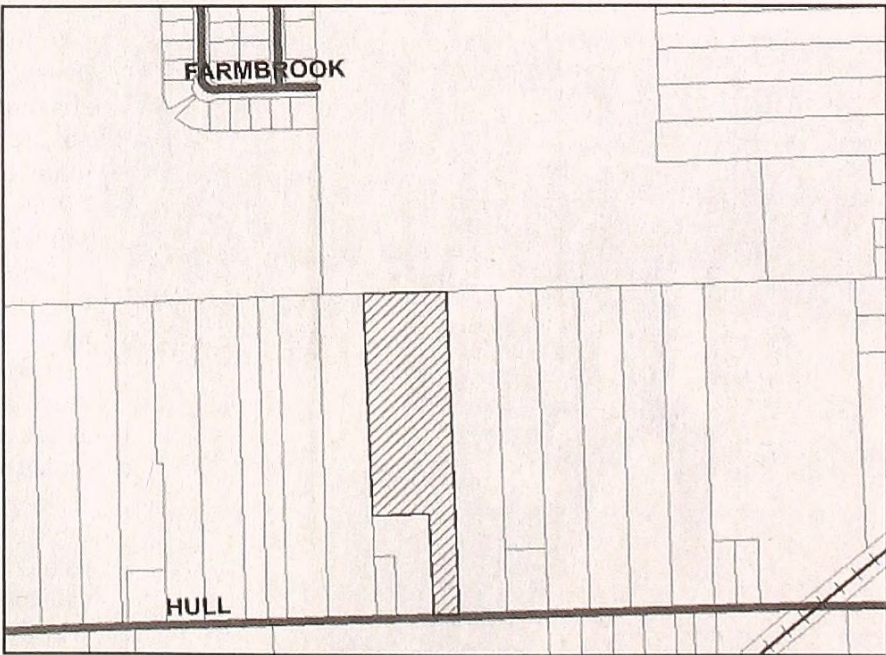
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Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on Wednesday June 11, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to consider a land use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-116-99-0003-703, approximately 7.8 acres, also known as 48200 Hull Road. This property is located on the north side of Hull Road between Hoeft and Elwell Roads. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting to construct a pond. Planning Commission approval is required for construction of a pond in conformance with Section 42 of the General Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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THE CITY OF ROMULUS  
REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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- BID 07/08-30 RECORDS STORAGE FACILTITY
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- 7/08-32 RFD MOBILE FIRE APP. ANN. INSP. PERF TESTS & PREY. MAINT
- BID 07/08-33 EMERG. VEHICLE EXHAUST EXT. SYS. RFD
- BID 07/08-34 7'X12' ENCLOSED TRAILER FOR ROMULUS FIRE DEPARTMENT
- BID 07/08-35 AIR CASCADE SYSTEM AND FILL STATION RFD
- BID 07/08-36 SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APP. & RIT FOR RFD

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above items and/or service/s.

1. Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids **must do so on forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Agent, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing [lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us) or under Departments, in the Purchasing Department from the City of Romulus Web Site, <http://ci.romulus.mi.us>.
2. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 04, 2008.

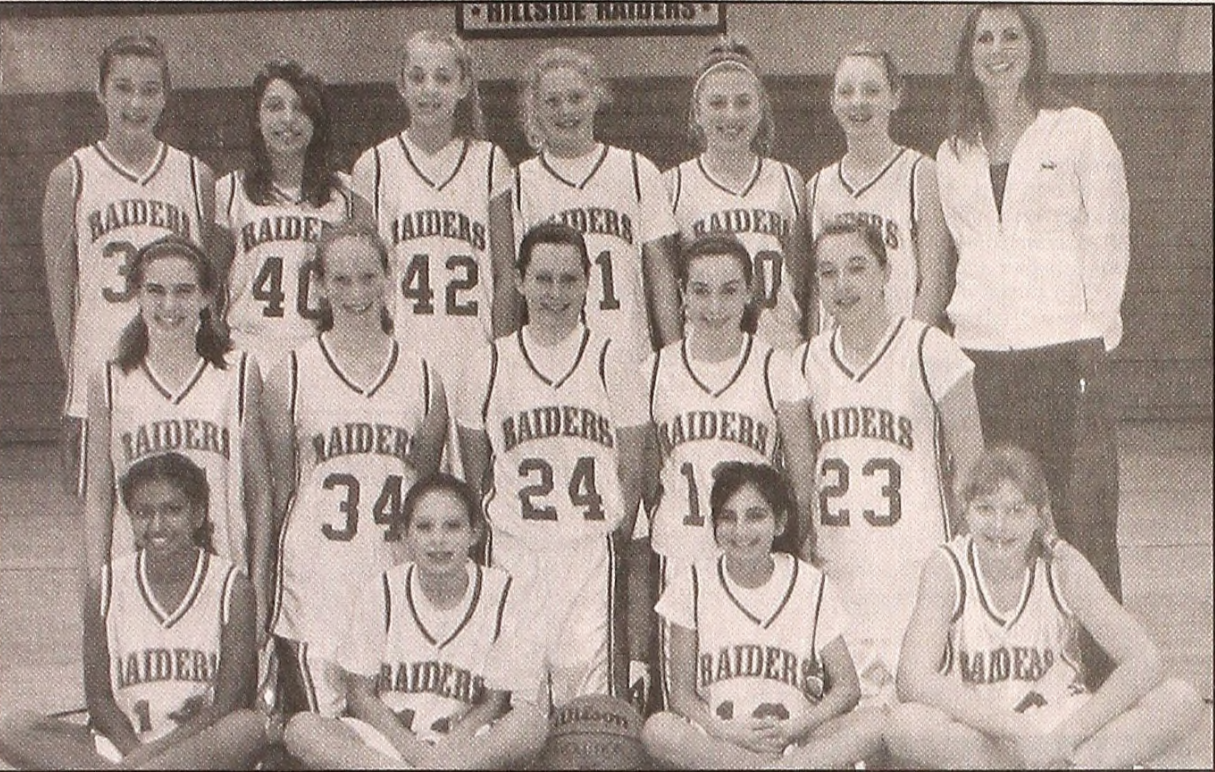
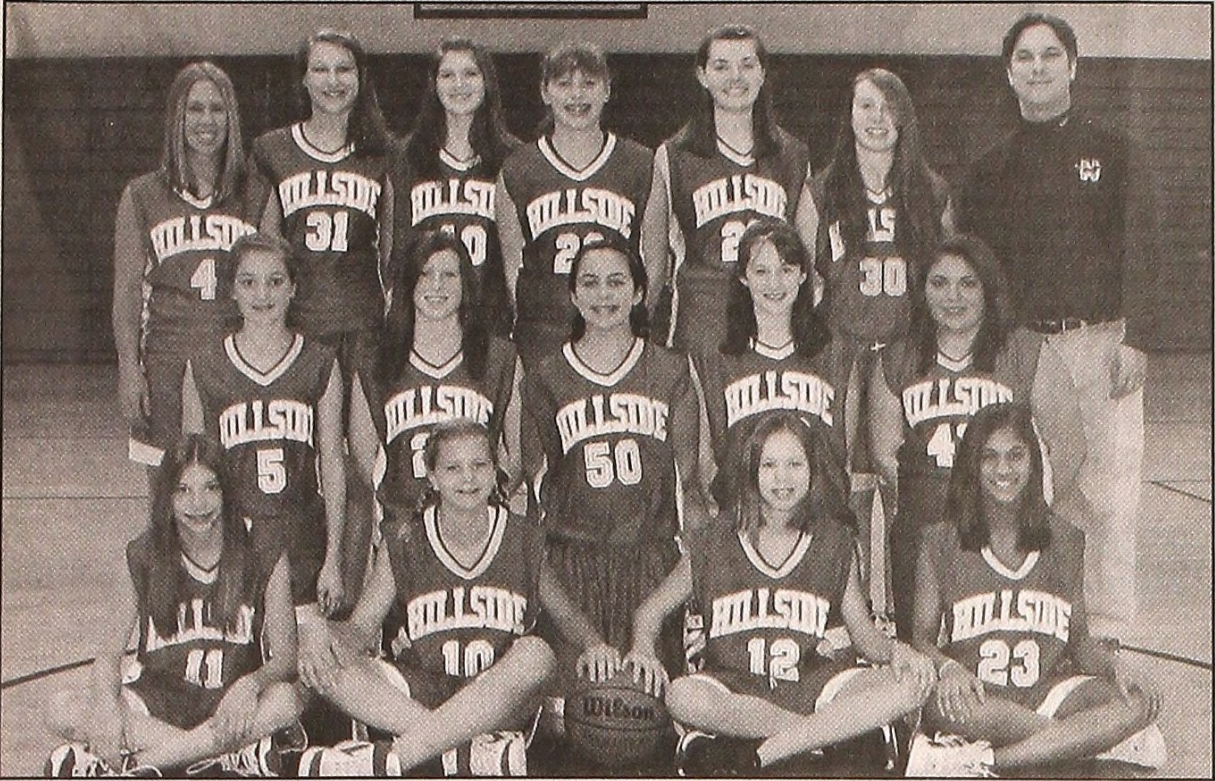
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**CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE**  
**11111 Wayne Road,**  
**Romulus, Michigan, 48174**

3. At approximately 3:15 p.m. bids received shall be publicly opened and read
4. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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SPORTS



Perfection

The Northville basketball program looks to have a bright future. The Hillsdale eighth grade, top, and seventh grade, bottom, girls' basketball teams both went undefeated this year. The eighth grade team includes: (back row from left) Mallory Weber, Alex Moynes, Aly Bates, Laura Pond, Allison Coppock, Shelby Minick, Coach Brad O'Neill, (middle row from left) Elaina Weber, Michelle Nelson, Emily Foland, Suzanne Hasse, Emily Rachelson, (front row from left) Jennifer Buckingham, Meredith Williams, Kim Heinonen and Tamara Jayasuria. The seventh grade team is: (back row from left) Rebecca Martin, Kristen Palushaj, Kendra Brenner, Kiki Hilmer, Logan VanRipper, Katie Owen, Coach Angie Watts, (middle row from left) Tenley Mustonen, Erica MacDonald, Alexis Mencotti, Claire Courney, Holly Robinson, (front row from left) Sarah Johnson, Gabbie Guibord, Nicole Khamis and Grace DeRidder.

Pitch

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one in another year older, stronger and more experienced. That goes for the entire team and the coaching staff, too.

"I think there is strong trust between the coaches and all of the players," Holmes added. "Since we've all grown together, they've grown as a coaching staff and we've grown as players and have gotten better overall."

Of course Holmes, Dumbleton and Doud are the first to admit that their overall success relies heavily on the team around them and on the experience of what is arguably the most important defensive player on the field—the catcher.

That role falls on junior Sarah Rounsifer, who is one of the team's most prolific hitters.

"We completely trust her," Holmes said. "With her experience she knows what pitches to call."

"She has a lot of experience from all of the summer teams that she's been on," Dumbleton added. "She's an amazing catcher and an amazing player. I know when I'm struggling on the mound she will come out and we'll have a nice little talk and it calms me down."

The rest falls on defense and at bats.

"This year our defense is a lot tougher and more solid than it has been in the past," Dumbleton said. "We have such a consistent hitting team right now. That is what is mostly winning games for us—the offense—and the defense. It helps a lot when you're pitching to have

the team behind you."

Although the Lady Mustangs are serious about the game and winning, they know how to have fun—a main reason the team has gelled so well this year.

"American Idol" might actually not be too far off for Doud and Dumbleton, who like to sing and dance the "Cupid Shuffle" with other players on the team before and during games and, well, just about anytime they can.

"We know if we have fun and play well we can beat anybody," Holmes said.

The true test for Northville and the Cupid Shuffle and other superstitious rituals will be in a week and a half when districts start. Northville opens with a pre-district bout with North Farmington on Tuesday, May 27. Last year they lost their pre-district match to Farmington Hills Mercy, 2-1. This year they hope to meet and beat Mercy.

"Knock on wood," Dumbleton said, while rapping her knuckles lightly on the top of her head—another ritual she has.

To make it there and accomplish that goal it is a matter of confidence.

"If we keep our bats going it makes it easier on the defense—not just mentally on us," Doud said. "We have to keep pitching our best and everybody else has stay confident. Everybody has a lot of confidence in each other."

"This is probably the best team that I've been on," Dumbleton added. "We definitely have a good chance to go to states."

If not they will always have the "Cupid Shuffle."

Cats

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were both 1-for-3. Skubik and Mike Rose scored the other two runs.

"Overall, it was a great Saturday for high school baseball and a hard fought spit with a quality non-conference opponent," Adams said. "Stealing a quote from the Stones, 'You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you

just might find, you get what you need."

Plymouth fell to a tough visiting Northville team on Friday.

The Mustangs shut out the Cats, 10-0 in six innings.

"When you play a team as talented as Northville is this year, you need to play mistake-free baseball," Adams said. "Unfortunately for us, we just didn't do that."

Plymouth hosts Wayne at 4 p.m. on Thursday and Milford in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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1. Obituaries

BLOCK, Clara Mae, age 89 of Garden City (formerly of East Pointe), died May 5, 2008. Loving wife of the late William. Dear Mother of Kenneth, Ralph (Joan), Clara Craigo and the late William and Robert. Grandmother of 10. Caregiver: Kathy Craigo and many great grandchildren. Visitation and Funeral Services were held at The Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne. Rev Mark Raitz officiated followed by a private burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.



PAYNE, Hazel Irene (Murrow), age 96 of Lansing MI, passed away May 3, 2008. She was born in Rising Sun, IA on October 10, 1911. She was a member of Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church of Lansing, and was formerly a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, MI. She graduated with a Diploma in Nursing from Cook County General Hospital in Chicago in 1935. She married James G. Payne in 1936 in Des Moines, IA and moved to Detroit and then to Wayne in 1948. Mrs. Payne worked as a Registered Nurse and as a

volunteer for the American Red Cross for over 60 years. She enjoyed music and playing the piano and cooking. She was very active in the community and the Presbyterian Church in Wayne. She was named "Diamond of the Community" by the City of Wayne. James preceded her in death in 1991, and she moved to Lansing to live with her daughter in 2000. Surviving are: son, James G. (Lorraine) Payne, Jr. of Henderson, NV; daughter, Nancy (Dr. Richard) Halik of Lansing; 5 grandchildren, Eric (Amie) Payne, David Payne, Sarah (Dr. Robert) Halik Donovan, Kelly (Jasen) Halik Veenstra, and Molly (Steven) Halik Motz; many nieces and nephews. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother and 3 sisters. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 17, 2008, at the Mt. Hope Presbyterian Church, 301 W. Jolly Rd, Lansing, with The Rev. Andrew Meyers officiating. The family will receive friends at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, and she will lie in state at the Church from 1:00 p.m. Saturday until service time. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

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## Officers honored

Belleville reserve officers were awarded the President Volunteer Service awards recently. Ofc. Brian Smouthers had 349 hours of service and received the silver honor, D'ante Conover had 317 hours and received the silver award, Matt Raich had 112 hours and received the bronze award, Mike Budai had 138 hours and received the bronze award, Steve Sexton had 150 hours and received the bronze award, Shawn Farmer had 368 hours and received the silver award and Tom Chimieleski had 131 hours and received the bronze award. The Belleville Police Officers were also honored with the gold award for the entire unit.



### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD APRIL 28, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.  
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.  
Administrative Officials in Attendance:  
Betsey Krampitz, Chief of Staff  
Linda R. Choate, Clerk  
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-105

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 14, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Abstain - Bragg.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried.

#### 08-105A

3A. Motion by Bragg, supported by Wadsworth to request Wayne County Road Commission through Commissioner Boilke for more school crossing signs with caution lights and a reduced speed limit on Wayne Road between the McBride and Ronald Street in front of Romulus High School.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-106

4A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mildred Qualles.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Braggs, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-107

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution congratulating Mark Lewkowicz on being selected as 2008 "Person of The Year" by the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Braggs, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-108

5A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution recognizing the dedication and service of the paid-on-call members of the Romulus Fire Department who have resigned or retired since 1996. Their commitment and devotion to duty deserves honorable recognition.

Name	Years of Service	Name	Years of Service
Dylan Balluff	3	Larry Baxter	6
Chad Blackburn	4	Todd Blackburn	2
Alexander Bossidis	5	Steven Bossidis	7
Brian Maitland	7	David Bullock	2
Billie Joe Cagle	2	Roger Chapman	1
Marianne Cleaver	3	James Crova	6
Michael Cullen	11	Edward Daughenbaugh	5
William Daughenbaugh	27	Tracey Dibenedetto	1
Darrell Dufore	25	Derrick Dufore	13
April Duprey	1	Daniel Freeman	5
Michael Garnatz	7	Brent Hamilton	3
Kevin Hammond	3	James Harrison	3
Darnell Hearst	12	Bradley Hindman	1
Brandon Hindman	1	Jerry Hollis	10
Robert Hoth	2	Ralph Kaminsky	2
Dawn Kelly (Wilson)	18	Rhonda Kiesznowski	7
Chris Kinkle	1	Dan Kish	1
Jerome Ladach	10	Charles Larson	3
Alden Lietz	1	Stanley Lipkowski	5
Gary Marchel	21	Keith Matthews	6
Craig McAughey	14	Robert McCraight	3
Jeff McCumber	2	Brian McNeil	17
Donald Modrzynski	14	Scott Mullins	6
Charles Pecsénye	16	Robert Pecsénye	40
Daniel Perron	5	Michael Reddman	3
John Steve Ryzna	18	Joseph Sands	7
Donald Schmidt	30	Brian Smith	13
Ron Szwarc	2	Frank Tscherne	3
Tiffany Tscherne	1	Phil Ulin	5
William Wisler	1	Brian Wojtylko	7
Kevin Wojtylko	13	Matt Wojtylko	3

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-109

5B. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Kristin Irwin, Recreation Director and legal counsel to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Music in the Park Entertainment Application Contract for use in securing entertainment in the Historic Park throughout the summer months; June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8 and August 22, 2008 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-110

5C1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway, Sharon Raftary, I.T. Director and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Director, to award bid 07/08-20, Recreation Department Software to the lowest bidder, R.C. Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$9,354.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-111

5C2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway, Sharon Raftary, I.T. Director and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Director, to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an annual support contract for the Romulus Recreation Department software in the amount of \$2,300 per year, cost to commence the second year of software usage.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-112

5D. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of legal counsel and authorize the mayor and Clerk to enter into a retainer agreement with Muchmore, Harrington, Smalley & Associates, Inc. for continued Michigan legislative and governmental action on behalf of the City of Romulus. Cost not to exceed \$4,000 per month.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-113

5E. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Tax Increment Finance authority and legal counsel to authorize the mayor and Clerk to enter into a service agreement with Edward G. Lennon, PLLC. Cost not to exceed \$30,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-114

5F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to introduce budget amendment 07/08-24:				
FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
State Narcotic Forfeiture Fund				
Expense				
268-3720-738.73-05		Operating Supplies	280,000	40,000
Fund Balance				
268-0000-390.00-00		Fund Balance	84,031	200,000
				284,031
Revenue				
268-3720-512.65-42		State Narcotics Forfeiture	150,000	240,000
				390,000

To fund additional covert law enforcement operations and informant fees and replenish fund balance with additional received In the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-115

5G. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to introduce budget amendment 07/08-25:				
FUND/DEPT.	ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET
Expense				
101-3110-731.74-90		302 Police Training Exp.	14,500	6,139
Fund Balance				
101-0000-302.10-04		Reserve-302 Police Training Grant	6,139	(6,139)
				(0)

To allocate the balance of unused Police Training grant money in the general fund to the Police Department for their current Needs through June 30, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-116

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to schedule a public meeting on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174 to discuss regional options regarding the Ecorse Creek Flood Mitigation Project. Mr. Kurt Heise, Director of Wayne County Department of Environment and Drain Commissioner will be in attendance.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-117

6A2. Motion by Barden, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 07/08-21, 07/08-22 & 23, introduced at the council meeting held April 14, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-118

6A3. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to grant a no-fee permit to the Historical Society for their annual yard sale to be held in the Historical Park on June 21, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-119

6A4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of the Investment Policy for the Retiree's Healthcare Fund, introduced at the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held April 28, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

#### 08-120

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-08 in the amount of One Million, One Hundred Eighty Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty One Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents. (\$1,180,741.32).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 28,2008.

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